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SUBJ: PUGWASH SYMPOSIUM ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE

1. SUMMARY: A PUGWASH SYMPOSIUM ON PEACE AND SECURITY IN EUROPE
TOOK PLACE APRIL 12 - 15 IN POLAND. THE POLISH MEDIA PLUGGED
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THE SYMPOSIUM INTO ITS ONGOING CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE NEUTRON
"BOMB". END SUMMARY.

2. THE 29TH SYMPOSIUM IN PUGWASH WAS HELD IN ZAKOPANE APRIL 12 -
15. THIRTY-TWO SCIENTISTS DISCUSSED THE THEME OF THE SYMPOSIUM,
"SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE; PROBLEMS AND PERSPECTIVES
AFTER BELGRADE". THE MOST PROMINENT MEMBER OF THE TEN-MAN

POLISH DELEGATION WAS MARIAN DOBROSIELSKI, VICE CHAIRMAN OF POLAND'S PUGWASH COMMITTEE AND LEADER OF THE POLISH DELEGATION TO THE BELGRADE CSCE REVIEW CONFERENCE. SCIENTISTS FROM AUSTRIA, FINLAND, GREAT BRITAIN, CANADA, MEXICO, THE FRG, EGYPT, YUGOSLAVIA, BULGARIA, AND THE SOVIET UNION PARTICIPATED. BERNARD FELD, A PHYSICIST FROM MIT, CHAIRED THE PUGWASH EXECUTIVE SESSION IN WARSAW WHICH PREPARED FOR THE ZAKOPANE SYMPOSIUM. TWO OTHER AMERICANS ATTENDED THE SYMPOSIUM, PUGWASH DIRECTOR GENERAL MARTIN KAPLAN AND H. AGNEW.

3. THE POLISH PRESS WEIGHTED COVERAGE OF THE SYMPOSIUM TO MILITARY MATTERS, WITH EMPHASIS ON DIRECT AND INDIRECT REFERENCES TO THE NEUTRON "BOMB". A STATEMENT BY RADOMIR BOGDANOV, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE USA INSTITUTE OF THE SOVIET ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, PUBLISHED IN TRYBUNA LUDU ON APRIL 14, ASSERTED THAT THE UNITED STATES CANNOT EXPECT AGREEMENTS ON SALT OR ON A REDUCTION OF FORCES IN CENTRAL EUROPE IF IT PERSISTS IN THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW WEAPONS SYSTEMS. TRYBUNA LUDU OF APRIL 17 QUOTES BERNARD FELD AS SAYING THAT THE PRODUCTION OF THE NEUTRON "BOMB" WOULD BE A MEASURE THAT WOULD UNDERMINE THE BASIS FOR THE TREATY FOR THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS." JOSEPH ROTBLAT, A BRITISH NUCLEAR SPECIALIST, EXPLAINED HIS POSITION AGAINST THE NEUTRON WEAPON IN AN ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED APRIL 19 IN TRYBUNA LUDU. THE BOMB, HE SAID, COULD BE EMPLOYED BY INDIVIDUAL MILITARY UNITS, THEREBY LOWERING THE THRESHOLD OF NUCLEAR WAR. IT IS DIFFICULT TO JUDGE THE MERITS OF ARGUMENTS CONCERNING THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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QUANTITY OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN A NUCLEAR ARSENAL, BUT, ROTBLAT CONTINUED, EVERY QUALITATIVE BREAKTHROUGH IN WEAPONRY HEIGHTENS THE DANGER OF WAR.

4. THE DRAFT REPORT ON THE SYMPOSIUM MENTIONS THE NEUTRON DEVICE ONCE: "DEPLOYMENT OF THE NEUTRON BOMB IN EUROPE WOULD BE REGARDED AS WORKING CONTRARY TO MILITARY DETENTE". THE REPORT HEDGED THIS STATEMENT WITH THE FOLLOWING QUALIFICATION: "THERE WERE ALSO OTHER WEAPONS IN THE PIPELINE TO WHICH THIS WOULD ALSO APPLY".

5. THE FOLLOWING DISARMAMENT PROPOSALS ARE MADE IN THE DRAFT REPORT:

- (A) A COMPLETE BAN ON ALL NEW WEAPONS;
- (B) A NUCLEAR-FREE ZONE FROM THE RHINE TO THE WESTERN BORDER OF THE SOVIET UNION;;

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(COMMENT: A

RESURRECTION OF THE RAPACKI PLAN OF THE FIFTIES

IN REVAMPED FORM. END COMMENT.)

C) LIMITATION OF THE NUMBER OF SOVIET MRBM'S
AND ICBM'S ABLE TO STRIKE AT WEST EUROPE TO THE
TOTAL NUMBER OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS DEPLOYED BY THE
FRENCH AND BRITISH;
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D) "REINFORCED" IMPLEMENTATION OF THE "NUCLEAR
NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY" AND "UPGRADING" OF THE
"PARTIAL NUCLEAR TEST BAN TREATY" TO AN "EFFECTIVE
COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN TREATY";

6. AS MILITARY CONFIDENCE-BUILDERS, THE SCIENTISTS

SUGGESTED:

A) A HOT LINE BETWEEN WARSAW PACT AND NATO
HEADQUARTERS;

B) REGULAR US - USSR MEETINGS OF EXPERTS "TO
EXCHANGE INFORMATION ON UNEXPLAINED CONSTRUCTION
PROJECTS";

C) DRAFTING OF A CODE ON MILITARY
ASSISTANCE, ESPECIALLY THAT GIVEN TO THIRD WORLD
COUNTRIES.

7. THE SYMPOSIUM RECOMMENDED THE FOLLOWING MEASURES
TO IMPROVE EAST-WEST RELATIONS IN NON-MILITARY
SPHERES;

A) INCREASE AND DIVERSIFICATION OF TRADE;

B) CLOSER INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION, INCLUDING
"HIGHER FORMS SUCH AS CO-PRODUCTION, INVOLVING JOINT
INVESTMENT, MARKETING AND RESEARCH";

C) MORE COOPERATIVE PROJECTS SIMILAR TO THE
TRANS-EUROPE NORTH-SOUTH HIGHWAY;

D) CONVOCATION OF A HIGH-LEVEL CONFERENCE ON
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THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT WITHIN THE
FRAMEWORK OF THE UN ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE.

8. COMMENT: ACCORDING TO ITS CHARTER, PUGWASH
IS DEDICATED TO THE CONSIDERATION OF THE CONSEQUENCES
OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH FOR MANKIND. IT IS THEREFORE
NO SURPRISE THAT PUGWASH PARTICIPANTS EXPRESSED
RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE NEUTRON DEVICE AND OTHER
NEW WEAPONS SYSTEMS. THE DRAFT REPORT ON THE SYM-
POSIUM IS, HOWEVER, NO AGITPROP DOCUMENT. IT CONTAINS
PROPOSALS UNCOMFORTABLE TO BOTH SIDES OF THE IDEO-
LOGICAL FENCE. END COMMENT.SCHAUFEL

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